

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A data processing apparatus, comprising:

a first processor operable to perform a first process on signal data that includes copyright information to produce first processed data that includes the copyright information;

a second processor operable to perform a second process on the first processed data to produce second processed data that does not include the copyright information;

an output unit operable to output said the second processed data when said second processor performs the second process and to output the first processed data when said second processor does not perform the second process;

a measurement unit operable to measure the time that said second processor has performed the second process and to determine a predetermined processing time from a processing record for said processed data; and

a controller operable to control the terminate operation of said second processor when the measured time equals the predetermined processing time based on said processing record.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) ~~An data processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said the processing record includes a number count of requests for the second processing processes for said data, and said controller controls the operation of said second processor based on the countsaid number of processing operations.~~

4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) ~~An data processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said data is composite data containingthe copyright information includes recording control~~

information for controlling the recording of ~~said~~ the output data onto a medium.

6. (currently amended) ~~An data processing apparatus~~ according to Claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the output data is ~~includes~~ image data, and said output unit outputs ~~said processed~~ the output data for display on a screen.

7. (currently amended) ~~An data processing apparatus~~ according to Claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the output data is ~~includes~~ speech data, and said output unit outputs ~~said processed~~ the output data as speech.

8. (currently amended) ~~An data processing apparatus~~ according to Claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the output data is ~~includes~~ image data, and said output unit transmits ~~said processed~~ the output data to the outside.

9. (currently amended) ~~An data processing apparatus~~ according to Claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the output data is speech data, and said output unit transmits ~~said processed~~ the output data to the outside.

10. (currently amended) A method for processing data and for outputting processed data, said method comprising:

performing a first process on signal data that includes copyright information to produce first processed data that includes the copyright information

performing a second process on the first processed data to produce second processed data that does not include the copyright information;

outputting the second processed data when the second process is performed and outputting the first processed data when the second process is not performed;

measuring the time that the second process has been performed;

determining a predetermined processing time from a processing record for said processed data; and

terminating the second process when the measured time equals the predetermined processing time~~controlling the output of said processed data based on said processing record.~~

11. (cancelled)

12. (currently amended) A ~~data processing method~~ according to Claim 10, wherein ~~said the~~ processing record includes a number count of requests for the second processing operations for said data, and said controlling terminating step controls terminates the output of said processed data~~second process based on the countsaid number of processing operations.~~

13. (cancelled)

14. (currently amended) A ~~data processing method~~ according to Claim 10, wherein ~~said data~~ the copyright information includes is composite data containing recording control information for controlling the recording of said the output data onto a medium.

15. (currently amended) A ~~data processing method~~ according to Claim 10, wherein ~~said the output data is~~ includes image data, and said processedthe output data is outputted for display on a screen.

16. (currently amended) A ~~data processing method~~ according to Claim 10, wherein ~~said the output data is~~ includes speech data, and said processedthe output data is outputted as speech.

17. (currently amended) A ~~data processing method~~ according to Claim 10, wherein ~~said the output data is~~ includes image data, and said processedthe output data is transmitted to the outside.

18. (currently amended) A ~~data processing method~~ according to Claim 10, wherein ~~said the output data is~~ includes speech data, and said processedthe output data is transmitted to the outside.

19. (currently amended) A data reading apparatus, comprising:

a reader operable to read signal data that includes copyright information from a medium;

a first processor operable to perform a first process said-on the read data to produce first processed data that includes the copyright information;

a second processor operable to perform a second process on the first processed data to produce second processed data that does not include the copyright information;

an output unit operable to output said-the second processed data when said second processor performs the second process and to output the first processed data when said second processor does not perform the second process;

a measurement unit operable to measure the time that said second processor has performed the second process and to determine predetermined processing time from a processing record for said processed data; and

a controller operable to control-the-terminate operation of said second processor when the measured time equals the predetermined processing timebased-on said processing record.

20. (cancelled)

21. (currently amended) An data-reading apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said-the processing record includes a number-count of requests for the second processing process operations for said data, and said controller further controls the operation of said second processor based on the countsaid number of processing operations.

22. (cancelled)

23. (currently amended) An data-reading apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said data is composite data containingthe copyright information includes recording control

information for controlling the recording of ~~said the output~~
data onto another medium.

24. (currently amended) An ~~data reading apparatus~~
according to Claim 19, wherein ~~said the output data is~~ includes
image data, and said output unit outputs ~~said processed the~~
output data for display on a screen.

25. (currently amended) An ~~data reading apparatus~~
according to Claim 19, wherein ~~said the output data is~~ includes
speech data, and said output unit outputs ~~said processed the~~
output data as speech.

26. (currently amended) An ~~data reading apparatus~~
according to Claim 19, wherein ~~said the output data is~~ includes
image data, and said output unit transmits ~~said processed the~~
output data to the outside.

27. (currently amended) An ~~data reading apparatus~~
according to Claim 19, wherein ~~said the output data is~~ includes
speech data, and said output unit transmits ~~said processed the~~
output data to the outside.

28. (currently amended) A data recording apparatus,
comprising:

a first processor operable to perform a first process
on signal data that includes copyright information to produce
first processed data that includes the copyright information;

a second processor operable to perform a second
process on the first processed data to produce second processed
data that does not include the copyright information;

an output unit operable to output ~~said the second~~
processed data when said second processor performs the second
process and to output the first processed data when said second
processor does not perform the second process;

a recorder operable to record ~~said processed the~~
outputted output data output by said output unit onto a medium;

a measurement unit operable to measure the time that said second processor has performed the second process and to determine a predetermined processing time from a processing record for said processed data; and

a controller operable to ~~control the~~ terminate operation of said second processor when the measured time equals the predetermined processing time ~~based on said processing record~~.

29. (cancelled)

30. (currently amended) An data recording apparatus according to Claim 28, wherein said the processing record includes a number count of requests for the second process ~~processing operations for said data~~, and said controller further controls the operation of said second processor based on the counts ~~said number of processing operations~~.

31. (cancelled)

32. (currently amended) An data recording apparatus according to Claim 28, wherein said data is composite data containing the copyright information includes recording control information for controlling the recording of said the output data onto said medium.

33. (new) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the second process is selected from the group consisting of: zooming, image rotation, image inversion, image cropping, image shifting, changing a number of pixels or a number of lines in the image, changing a position of pixels or a position of lines in the image, an interpolation operation, and a decimation operation.

34. (new) A method according to Claim 10, wherein the second process is selected from the group consisting of: zooming, image rotation, image inversion, image cropping, image shifting, changing a number of pixels or a number of lines in the image, changing a position of pixels or a position of lines

in the image, an interpolation operation, and a decimation operation.

35. (new) An apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein the second process is selected from the group consisting of: zooming, image rotation, image inversion, image cropping, image shifting, changing a number of pixels or a number of lines in the image, changing a position of pixels or a position of lines in the image, an interpolation operation, and a decimation operation.

36. (new) An apparatus according to Claim 28, wherein the second process is selected from the group consisting of: zooming, image rotation, image inversion, image cropping, image shifting, changing a number of pixels or a number of lines in the image, changing a position of pixels or a position of lines in the image, an interpolation operation, and a decimation operation.